

# R.I. Labor Force Trends - August 2006

	Aug. 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2005	% Change		Thru August		
				July 06	Aug. 05	2006	2005	% Change
<b>Labor Force and Unemployment (1,000s)</b>								
<i>(Seasonally Adjusted)</i>								
R.I. Labor Force	576.8	580.6	571.1	-0.7%	1.0%	577.4	567.6	1.7%
R.I. Employed	544.5	548.1	542.2	-0.7%	0.4%	546.7	539.1	1.4%
R.I. Unemployed	32.4	32.5	28.9	-0.3%	12.1%	30.7	28.5	7.7%
R.I. Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.6%	5.1%	0.0%	9.8%	5.3%	5.0%	6.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	-2.1%	-4.1%	4.7%	5.1%	-7.8%
<b>R.I. Insured Unemployment</b> (as of week of the 12th)								
						<b>Average thru week 34</b>		
Avg. Insured Unemployed	11,520	11,047	11,734	4.3%	-1.8%	13,149	13,840	-5.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate*	2.46%	2.36%	2.51%	4.2%	-2.0%	2.81%	2.97%	-5.4%
<b>Total Jobs at R.I. Businesses (1,000s)</b>								
						<b>Thru August</b>		
<i>(Seasonally Adjusted)</i>						2006	2005	% Change
Establishment Employment (Total)	493.7	494.9	492.4	-0.2%	0.3%	493.6	491.1	0.5%
Construction	23.2	23.0	22.0	0.9%	5.5%	23.0	21.7	6.0%
Manufacturing	53.1	54.5	54.9	-2.6%	-3.3%	53.7	55.6	-3.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	79.6	79.4	80.4	0.3%	-1.0%	79.8	80.3	-0.6%
Financial Activities	36.6	36.2	34.5	1.1%	6.1%	35.8	34.3	4.4%
Professional & Business Services	56.6	56.5	55.5	0.2%	2.0%	56.5	54.9	2.9%
Educational & Health Services	95.6	95.5	95.7	0.1%	-0.1%	96.0	94.7	1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	50.8	50.9	49.8	-0.2%	2.0%	50.4	50.2	0.4%
Other Services	22.6	22.7	23.4	-0.4%	-3.4%	22.7	23.4	-3.0%
Government	65.0	65.5	65.0	-0.8%	0.0%	65.1	65.1	0.0%
<b>Unemployment Insurance</b>								
						<b>Year to Date</b>		
Initial Claims	4,886	5,647	4,786	-13.5%	2.1%	51,711	52,566	-1.6%
Number of Payments	49,087	53,911	57,252	-8.9%	-14.3%	426,949	448,000	-4.7%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$15.5	\$16.8	\$17.7	-7.7%	-12.4%	\$141.3	\$145.8	-3.1%
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	984	1,287	1,288	-23.5%	-23.6%	9,808	10,608	-7.5%
<b>Temporary Disability Insurance</b>								
						<b>Year to Date</b>		
Initial Claims	4,161	3,922	4,349	6.1%	-4.3%	32,454	33,248	-2.4%
Number of Payments	44,504	36,854	46,315	20.8%	-3.9%	303,074	316,355	-4.2%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$16.4	\$13.4	\$16.5	22.4%	-0.6%	\$110.8	\$111.2	-0.4%

**R.I. Population Trends:** The 2000 Census indicates that Rhode Island's population grew from 1,003,464 in 1990 to 1,048,319 in 2000. According to state population estimates for July 2005, Rhode Island residents numbered 1,076,189, reflecting an increase of nearly 28,000 residents from Census 2000, but a drop of about 4,500 from the July 2004 estimate.

**Commuting Patterns:** According to the 2000 Census, there were 32,371 more RI residents working out of state than non-residents working in RI. The number of RI residents commuting to a job in MA reached 56,138. The represents 11.4% of RI's employed residents and is up from 9.7% in 1990. The number of Rhode Islanders commuting to a job in CT was 11,315 or 2.3%, up from 1990's figure of 1.9%. In contrast, the number of MA residents working in RI was 31,506, while the number of CT residents commuting to a job in RI was 3,998.

As of October 2005, approximately 2,210 Rhode Islanders were employed at the nearby Foxwoods casino and another 350 Rhode Island residents were employed at Mohegan Sun. (Source: RI Economic Development Corp.)

\* 13-week average expressed as a percentage of covered employment.

Note: Data for latest month are preliminary. Prior year reflects latest revision.

Source: R.I. Dept. of Labor and Training, Labor Market Information Unit.

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